regularities and non-payment of income taxes, etc. related to the lotteries organised by the Churhat Children's Welfare Society of Madhya Pradesh; if so what are the findings and the follow up action taken, as yet;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain concessions were accorded by his Ministry to this Society, if so, what were the details thereof and the dates on which such concessions were accorded; and

(c) whether these concessions were given after its audited accounts were examined and found satisfactory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir, the matter regarding non-deduction of tax at source on the payment to the prize winners of the lottery was investigated. Action as required under law was taken for non-deduction of tax at source and for failure to pay the tax deducted at source to the credit of Central Government within the prescribed time in certain cases.

(b) Yes. Sir, the Churhat Children's Welfare Society was granted exemption from the payment of income-tax by notification under section 10(23C) (iv) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for assessment years 1984-85 and 1985-86 and again for assessment years 1986-87 to 1988-89. The exemption for assessment years 1984-85 and 1985-86 was granted on 31-8-1984 and was notified in the official Gazette on 24-11-1984. The exemption for assessment years 1986-87 to 1988-89 was granted on 25-3-1986 and was notified in the Official Gazette on 14-6-1986.

(c) As the records of proceedings for notification under section 10(23C) (iv) of the Income-tax Act show, the audited accounts of the society were filed during these proceedings and were considered before granting exemption.

3865. [*Transferred to the 5th September*, 1988]

Contamination of Water

3866. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of contamination of water due to pesticides run-off from fields and factories etc. ;

(b) whether any regular monitoring has been conducted for over 100 different pesticides in use ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) There are no reports of large-scale contamination of water bodies in the country due to effluent run-offs from pesticides factories although there are some reports of minor contamination

(b) and (c) Regular monitoring of the river Ganga and a few of its tributaries has been started since November 1986 on a monthly basis by collecting water samples from 27 different locations in UP, Bihar and West Bengal The water samples have been analysed for residues of 12 major pesticides and their metabolites/ isomers. The analytical data collected so far did not show any definite pattern of variation. The residuals for three commonly used pesticides are also monitored in sediments at 173 stations all along the coast line of the country. Manufacture and use of pesticides are regulated by the Insecticides Act, 1968